

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 92-187-G - ORDER NO. 92-512 *VC*
JULY 2, 1992

IN RE: Application of United Cities)
 Gas Company for Approval of)
 Depreciation Rates.) ORDER

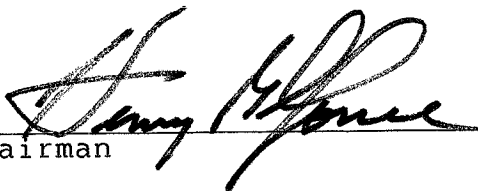
On March 30, 1992, United Cities Gas Company (United Cities) filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) a request for approval of revised depreciation rates.

United Cities' existing depreciation rates were approved by the Commission in Docket No. 88-227-G. Arthur Andersen & Co. has recently completed a depreciation study for United Cities. That study recommends changes in United Cities' depreciation rates. The net effect of this change is to decrease United Cities' South Carolina depreciation expense by approximately \$17,000 annually. Therefore, due to this negligible impact on revenues, United Cities does not propose to adjust its rates at this time. United Cities does propose, however, to begin reflecting the revised depreciation rates on its books effective January 1, 1991.

The matter was duly noticed to the public and no intervention was filed with the Commission.

The Commission finds, based on the information filed by United Cities and reviewed by the Commission, that the depreciation rates filed by United Cities should be approved. United Cities is authorized to use the depreciation rates filed with the Commission in this docket effective January 1, 1991, and continuing until they have been changed by order of the Commission. The approval of these depreciation rates shall not, however, be deemed to be the approval of any methodology used in arriving at them.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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